



February 3rd, 2004

Request to appear before
Lynchburg City Council

I, David L. Casper, request to appear before the Lynchburg City Council on February 10th, 2004, at the city council meeting. It is my intention to request the permission of the city council to relocate my business, Caspian Tattoo and Body Piercing, within the city limits of Lynchburg. The proposed site for relocation is 3813 Wards Rd. Lynchburg, VA, the site is zoned B-5.

This I hereby request,

David L. Casper
President,
Caspian Corporation

Enclosed are twelve copies of the proposal to be distributed to the City Council, the City Planner, the Zoning Officer and to those whom may be concerned.



Caspian Tattoo and Body Piercing was opened twelve years ago and has been in operation in the Lynchburg area since. It was and still is our goal to provide the local area residents with a clean, safe, and professionally ran tattoo and body piercing studio. Caspian Tattoo is the oldest establishment of its kind in the area and was recently voted best tattoo shop in the area by the News and Advance readers choice awards.

Caspian Tattoo was started by David Casper, the current owner/operator, who is a native to the area. I apprenticed under another artist for two years while working under the name of Caspian Tattoo. When that artist moved from the area I kept working out of the same studio and changed the name to Caspian Tattoo. I have been going to CVCC for several years and have one semester left to complete my associates degree in communication design/ commercial art. I have shown my personal art in several local exhibits and actively take art classes at the Lynchburg Fine Arts Center. I have been the keynote speaker for the Lynchburg Jaycees on the history of tatting, the SweetBriar Womens College and LongWood College on the safety and precautions of tattooing and body piercing. I also served ten years in the VA Army National Guard where my last two years were served at the VA Military Academy as the Training NCO and as a Primary Instructor.

When I decided to bring body piercing into the studio I hired a person that was willing to undergo professional training and help me implement a professional training program for the studio as well as serve as the head piercer and later as an acting consultant. That person was trained at the worlds largest body piercing studio and by the studio that first introduced body piercing, as we now know it, to the western world. That person worked for me for six years and since has gone on to pursue a career in the medical field. He completed the basic piercing course offered by the Gauntlet piercing studio as well as the advanced course. He is still used as a consultant both for training and instruction and to insure that the training program and safety procedures are still followed. He is available to all of the piercers for questions and help.

The Commonwealth of Virginia has placed tattooing and body piercing under the regulation of the Board of Barbers and Cosmetologist, as of July 1st, 2003. The board is to submit regulations to be voted on by the General Assembly this July. Caspian Tattoo is and has been ran to within 95% compliance of the recommendations made by the board. There are only a few things we will have to do to be within 100% compliance. We have always tried to set and maintain the highest standards for the modern tattoo and piercing studio.

According to the Lynchburg City Zoning Ordinance section 35.1-34 Limited business districts (B-1), barber shops and beauty parlors are permitted by right. I am requesting to move my business into a B-5 zoned location.



Caspian Tattoo and Body Piercing

General

Caspian Tattoo and Body Piercing is open to the general public, it is a non-smoking facility, and does not discriminate or cater to any single clientele. We require our patrons to be sober and aware of what they are about to do, we do not practice high pressure sales and only try to offer a professional opinion and a clean, safe, and friendly environment. All of our artist and piercers are professionally trained and adhere to the highest standards of sanitation and safety. They are required to complete a course on Universal Precautions for the Health Care Worker. They must also complete the required training program set forth by the studio.

We offer complete privacy to our clients with individual work rooms for the artist/piercer. The work stations are stainless steel and are disinfected with a hospital grade full spectrum disposable sani-wipe HB after every procedure. All cords and reusable spray bottles are wrapped with barrier protection. All procedures are performed while wearing protective medical grade gloves. We maintain a fully functional autoclave on premises that is spore tested monthly. The entire studio is floored with tile for easy mopping. The proposed location will be equipped with a sink for staff hand washing, a sink for instrument cleaning, and a sink in the rest room for clients.

Tattooing

You must be 18 years old to be tattooed. All applications are preformed with sterile disposable needles. All stainless steel instruments are properly cleaned and autoclaved. All ink is put into disposable caps and never reused. We do not tattoo any discrete areas and we do not tattoo faces. All tattoos are bandaged with sterile bandages and gauze wrap. Clients are given complete after care instructions and have after care products available.

Piercing

You must be 16 years old and have a parent present to be pierced, (except for the nipple, you must be 18 years old). We do not do any piercings below the waist. The piercings we do are: ears, eyebrows, nostrils, lips, tongues, nipples, and navels. All procedures are performed with sterile disposable needles and new jewelry. We only pierce with jewelry that we provide, which is made of high grade surgical implant steel. All stainless steel instruments are properly cleaned and autoclaved. Clients are given complete after care instructions and have after care products available as well as low visibility retainers to wear after the specified healing time.

